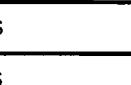


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TITLE OF INVENTION PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SULFOALKYL-CONTAINING POLYMERS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <u>Masahiro Hamada, Hiroki Hotta, Jun Iwabuchi, Shogo Kawakami, Takemichi Yamasaki and Hisabumi Kobayashi</u>		
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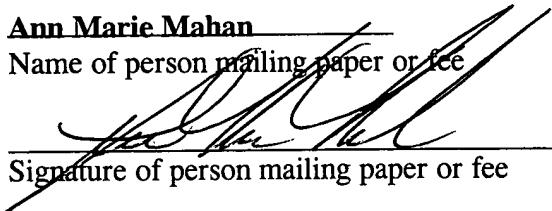
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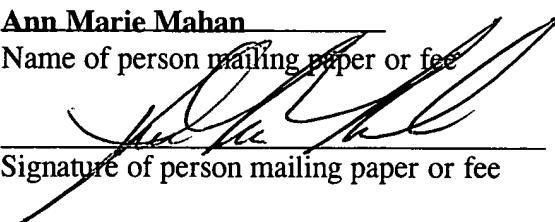
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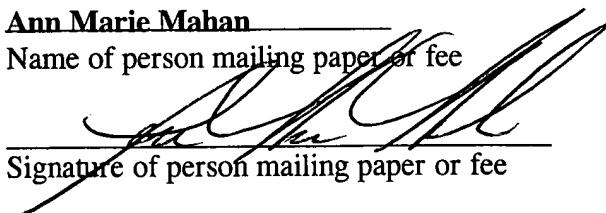
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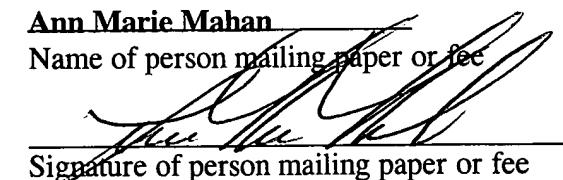
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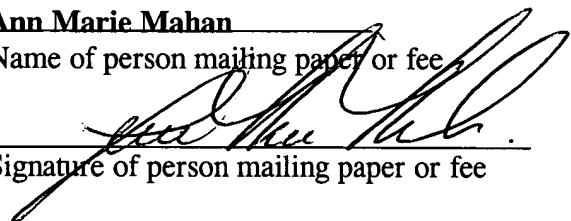
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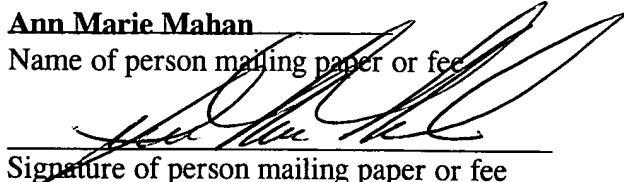
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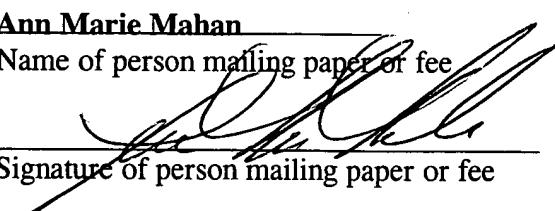
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